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### Three Central West Virginia Residents Indicted for Violating Federal Firearms Laws

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — Three Central West Virginia residents were named in two separate Indictments returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Clarksburg, West Virginia, on September 3, 2008.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that:

ANGELA PATRICK, age 25, of Morgantown, West Virginia, and JEREMIAH MARTIN, age 25, of Fairmont, West Virginia, were named in a two-count Indictment. Count One of the Indictment alleges that PATRICK and MARTIN conspired to provide a false statement in the acquisition of a firearm on January 28, 2008, from a federally licensed firearms dealer in Morgantown. Count Two of the Indictment alleges that PATRICK, aided and abetted by MARTIN, falsely represented to a pawn shop that PATRICK was purchasing a firearm for herself. If convicted, the defendants each face a maximum exposure of five years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on each count of the Indictment.

LAMONT ALEXANDER, age 25, of Fairmont, West Virginia, was named in a one-count Indictment. The Indictment alleges that ALEXANDER, a convicted felon, unlawfully possessed ammunition on January 30, 2008, in Monongalia County, West Virginia. If convicted, ALEXANDER faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The cases were investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

The cases will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Andrew R. Cogar.

It should be noted that the charges contained in the Indictments are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and that each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.